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ENVIRONMENT ENHANCEMENT TO PROMOTE PSYCHOLOGICAL WELL-BEING.

***Dealers, exhibitors, and research facilities must develop, document, and follow an appropriate plan for environment enhancement adequate to promote the psychological well-being of nonhuman primates. The plan must be in accordance with the currently accepted professional standards as cited in appropriate professional journals or reference guides, and as directed by the attending veterinarian. This plan must be made available to APHIS upon request, and, in the case of research facilities, to officials of any pertinent funding agency. The plan, at a minimum, must address each of the following:

(b) Environmental enrichment. The physical environment in the primary enclosures must be enriched by providing means of expressing noninjurious species-typical activities. Species differences should be considered when determining the type or methods of enrichment. Examples of environmental enrichments include providing perches, swings, mirrors, and other increased cage complexities; providing objects to manipulate; varied food items; using foraging or task-oriented feeding methods; and providing interaction with the care giver or other familiar and knowledgeable person consistent with personnel safety precautions. ***

At time of this inspection, all great apes (Chimpanzees and Orangutans) were locked into night housing. They will be in this housing for a period of up to 18 hours, depending on weather and staffing. These enclosures had no enrichment items available. Animals had shelves and builtin boxes, and are housed in groups, or singly housed with sight and sound of other animals. However, any enrichment program must address all aspects of housing for the animals, including night housing. This is especially important when weather and other considerations may result in extended confinement in night housing. A complete program of psychological enhancement is necessary for the well-being of non-human primates.

A written document is available that presents a large number of possibilities for enrichment. However, the document does not actually provide a plan for enrichment, as in what will be provided, when, and how. As seen on inspection, the items suggested in this document are not in use at this time, in the night housing situation. The exterior housing did show some items in use for enrichment, although animals were not in the enclosures at time of inspection. However, the schedule for enrichment that was presented contians very few items, and the novelty value of these items is long since exhausted.

The facility must both have an actual plan detailing the specifics of the enrichment program that will be in use at this facility, reviewed and approved by the attending veterinarian; and implementation of the plan in a way that meaningfully addresses enrichment in all housing situations.

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SPACE REQUIREMENTS.

***Enclosures shall be constructed and maintained so as to provide sufficient space to allow each animal to make normal postural and social adjustments with adequate freedom of movement.. ***

Enclosure housing Porcupine is not suitable for this animal. Enclosure has an open wire floor, which would not allow the animal to walk. Thus, the animal is restricted to a small shelf in the enclosure, raised off the floor. This does not provide adequate space for normal postural and social adjustments. Enclosures must be suitable for the animals housed within.

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